

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
APRIL 17, 1957

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, April 17, 1957; Councilman Fuller, Katzakian, Mitcehl, and Hughes (Mayor) present; Councilman Robinson absent. City Manager Weller and City Attorney Mullen present.

Minutes of March 20, 1957, were approved with the following correction in the paragraph entitled, Meat Sales Ordinance: "He therefore moved, Councilman Fuller second, the introduction of Ordinance No. 586, repealing Ordinance No. 271 of the City of Lodi."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. H. BULL

Mr. A. H. Bull addressed the Council to discuss problems which he felt required action on the part of the City of Lodi. He pointed out that a street light at the Northwest corner of Lodi Avenue and Church Street required an arm in order to overcome problems created by overhanging branches of nearby trees. He also pointed out that an olive tree on the street in front of the St. Ann's School yard was a safety hazard because the fallen fruit made the sidewalk slippery and hazardous to use. He also pointed out that installation of a pedestrian crosswalk at the alley on Lodi Avenue between Church and Pleasant Streets would help the people crossing the Street at this point to the market. He also pointed out that driveways on Lodi Avenue used the entire sidewalk for driveway approaches which made the use of the sidewalk difficult. The Mayor referred Mr. Bull's complaints to the City Manager for investigation and action where possible.

COMMUNICATIONS

STATE-WIDE CONFERENCE UNIFORM CONTROL FOR WATER RECREATION

A letter from the Mayor of the City of Modesto, inviting members of the City Council to attend the first State-Wide Conference on Uniform Control for Water Recreation to be held in Modesto on April 25 and 26.

C.V.D. L.C.C. MEETING

A letter from the City of Oakdale inviting the City Council to attend the regular quarterly meeting of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities to be held in that City on April 25, 1957.

BUILDING OFFICIALS CONFERENCE

A letter from the Building Inspector of the City of Lodi inviting members of the City Council to attend a meeting of the Building Officials Conference to be held in the City of Lodi on April 26, 1957.

STATE HIGHWAY STUDY

A letter from the department of Public Works, dated April 1, 1957, informing the City Council that a concurrent resolution from the California State Senate requests the Department of Public Works to undertake a study to provide a basis for freeways and expressways, said plan not to be limited to State Highways. The department asks for the help and support from the City of Lodi in conducting these studies.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS A letter from Ernest E. Debs, dated April 4, 1957, urging support of the City Council for increasing the old age assistance payments from \$89 to \$100.

LYDIA SEIBEL COMPLAINT The City Clerk then read a complaint from Lydia Seibel arising out of her claim for damages allegedly suffered in a fall involving a tree root on public property. The matter was referred to the City Attorney for processing through the City's insurance carrier.

#### REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

SWIMMING POOL BIDS The City Manager reported that three bids had been received for construction of the swimming pool in John Blakely Park. The low bid was submitted by Don Webb of Stockton with a basic bid of \$34,790. His bid also included \$800 for alternate No. 1 for the installation of a heater and a bid of \$1,490 for alternate No. 2 involving the installation of area lights. The City Manager also read a memorandum from the Superintendent of Recreation stating that the Recreation Commission recommended the acceptance of the low bid with all alternates. Resolution No. 2017, awarding the swimming pool construction contract to Mr. Don Webb, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Fuller second.

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR TURNER RD. UNDERPASS The City Manager then reported that the City had received a proposal from Wilsey and Ham, Engineering Consultants, to undertake the feasibility study for the reconstruction of the underpass at Turner Road. They proposed to do the work for \$2,000 plus certain survey work to be done on a per diem basis of \$112 a day plus 10¢ per mile. It was estimated that the per diem work would cost about \$600, or a total cost of approximately \$2,600. Mr. Weller pointed out that this study did not provide the City with final plans and specifications, but would furnish information regarding the extent of the project. Councilman Fuller asked if the undertaking of this study by the City would commit the City to assume the obligation for the cost of the entire construction project. City Manager Weller stated that he felt it would not help the City's position, but that someone must take the initial step. The County of San Joaquin and the Southern Pacific Railroad Company would also be involved, but until one of the interested parties developed information covering the extent of the project there was no basis for negotiations. On the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Mitchell second, the City Council voted unanimously to authorize the firm of Wilsey and Ham to conduct a study as outlined and to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents to effect the study.

SPECS FOR FLAT BED TRUCK APPROVED Specifications for the purchase of a flat bed truck to be used by the Street Department were approved on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second.

WELLS FUNERAL HOME  
REQUESTRES. NO. 2018  
ADOPTED

The City Manager then presented a request from Mr. Harold Wells of the Wells Funeral Home to extend the loading zone in front of his establishment on North School Street by twelve feet. The memorandum from the City Engineer recommended the granting of this request on the basis that the number of parking stalls on the street would not be reduced. Councilman Fuller then moved, Mitchell second, the adoption of Resolution No. 2018, granting the extension of the loading zone as requested. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$87,338.63 were approved on the motion of Councilman Fuller, Katzakian second.

RICHARD BLAIR  
WATER SERVICE  
REQUEST

The City Manager reported that he had referred the request of Richard Blair for water service outside the City limits to the Superintendent of Utilities for further report. The Superintendent of Utilities reported that a previous request from Mr. Blair Sr. had not been granted in exchange for easements as had been suggested, but had been granted on the basis of its value to the City as a vent to pressure in the water line. The Superintendent of Utilities reported further that the present request from Mr. Blair Jr. would also be of some value as a vent to the City's water system, but because several vents have already been secured in this vicinity, it would be difficult to assess its value to the City. He did not believe the City's system would suffer without this connection. He therefore concluded the granting of this service to Mr. Blair Jr. would be purely an accommodation to Mr. Blair. Councilman Katzakian and Councilman Fuller expressed the opinion that under the circumstances, the City Council should adhere to its present policy of restricting water service outside the City limits to those cases that decide benefit to the City. Councilman Katzakian moved, Mitchell second, that the request of Mr. Blair Jr. be denied. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB-  
CITY OF LODI  
AGREEMENT

The City Manager reported that he had held a meeting with the members of the Sportsman's Club on the subject of the City's use of Club property adjoining the City's disposal area on the South bank of the Mokelumne River. As a result of this meeting he recommended that the City of Lodi enter into an agreement with the Sportsman's Club for a one year lease of the Club's property for \$300 a year, the agreement to carry a 60 or 90 day cancellation clause. He also recommended that the agreement be executed with the understanding that the City do everything possible to place waste fill on the Club's property and with the further understanding that the Council will give consideration in the future to provide a building site to the Club in exchange for the present club property. Mr. Jim Wood addressed the Council to state that such an agreement would be acceptable to the Club. He also expressed the interest of the Club in the acquisition of a site which the Club could use for

a club house. The recommendations of the City Manager were approved by the City Council on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second. The motion also included authorization for the City Manager and the City Attorney to prepare the necessary lease.

OPTION SIGNED BY CITY OF LODI FOR 12.75 ACRES

The City Manager proposed that an option be signed with Mrs. Stella Smith for the purchase of the 12.75 acres of land lying between the West boundary of Lodi Lake Park and the Woodbridge branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. He stated that he had negotiated a tentative purchase price of \$2,700 an acre for this land. Said purchase to include a right-of-way westward from the property to main Street of Woodbridge. He explained the option would then give the City Council and the City Recreation Commission an opportunity to assess the value of the property to the City of Lodi and to reach a decision on its purchase at the specified price. On the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Fuller second, the Council voted to accept the option and refer the matter to the Recreation Commission for a report back to the City Council on May 1, 1957. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

HAM LANE ANNEXATION

RES. NO. 2019 ADOPTED

The Clerk explained that he had been in contact with the owners of property included in the proposed Ham Lane Annexation. He stated that each of the property owners had expressed the opinion that they would not oppose the annexation of their property to the City, but with one exception they were all reluctant to sign a petition requesting the annexation out of deference to their neighbors. He then recommended that annexation proceedings be initiated by the City Council and a public hearing be set at which time the property owners could enter their protests to the annexation if they so desire. Resolution No. 2019, declaring the intention of the City Council to annex the "Ham Lane Annex", and setting a public hearing on the matter for the regular meeting of June 5, 1957, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Katzakian second.

ANIMAL SHELTER NAMED IN HONOR OF FORREST E. COOPER

RES. NO. 2020 ADOPTED

The City Manager reported that he had received suggestions from the members of the City Council that the newly constructed animal shelter be given the name of Forrest E. Cooper Animal Shelter in recognition of Mr. Cooper's devoted service to the citizens of Lodi. Each of the City Councilmen expressed his concurrence with the suggestion. Resolution No. 2020, designating the City's animal shelter as the Forrest E. Cooper Animal Shelter, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Fuller, Katzakian second.

FUTURE COUNCIL PROBLEMS

Mayor Hughes then opened the meeting for the presentation of items for future discussion by the Council. He read the following list which had been submitted by Councilman Robinson:

1. Off-street parking district.
2. Study of partial integration of Police and Fire departments.
3. Completion of West Lodi Avenue widening.
4. New fire station.

5. Bicycle path to Woodbridge.
6. Shopping center and industrial development.
7. Turner Road underpass and pavement.
8. Library.
9. Justice Court.
10. Park sites.

## CIVIC CENTER

Councilman Katzakian stated that he felt most of the problems were presently being considered by the Council, however he recalled that at his suggestion the question of the Civic Center location had been submitted to the Planning Commission for study. The Planning Commission had returned the matter to the City Council with the explanation that until a planning staff was furnished to the Commission, it was unable to give the Civic Center matter full consideration. Councilman Katzakian stated that since the lack of planning staff has now been overcome, he thought the question of the Civic Center should again be referred to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Fuller listed the following items as matters for consideration by the Council:

1. A concerted effort toward a better public relations program.
2. Police and Fire integration.
3. Hall of Justice.
4. Additional protection in the form of signs and traffic controls for school children.

Councilman Mitchell stated that his list of problems facing the City Council coincided with those of Councilman Robinson.

Mayor Hughes listed the following items for consideration:

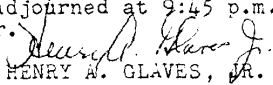
1. Review City's subdivision policies
2. Continue study by the Planning Commission of major streets.
3. Correlation of business license - correlate issuance of business license with zoning.
4. Review of capital outlay program budget and of costs of operations.

Mayor Hughes then requested the City Manager to submit his list of items in priority. Mr. Weller stated that he had three items to submit, but stated that he did not believe there was any particular order of priority. He considers all the items important. He thought they should all receive consideration as soon as possible. He listed the following:

1. Subdivision, annexation and utility extension policy revisions.
2. Firm capital outlay program, with policy decisions on financing, to include Hall of Justice, Fire Stations, Civic Center, grade separations and Library.
3. Consideration of policy and development of utilities, including long-range water needs, water storage; electric power sources, utility capital requirements and financing.

The Council then discussed possible dates for a special meeting to be held including the City Council, Planning Director, Chairman of the Planning Commission, and the press. After considerable discussion, it was agreed to hold a dinner meeting on April 29, 1957.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on the order of the Mayor.

ATTEST:  HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.  
City Clerk